

**TOWN OF SUPERIOR  
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERIOR TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY  
MARCH 12, 2015 AT 7:00 PM IN THE SUPERIOR AUDITORIUM 199 N. LOBB AVENUE,  
SUPERIOR, ARIZONA, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor called meeting to order at 7:03 pm

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor	Jayme Valenzuela
Councilmember	Michael Alonzo
Councilmember	Mila Besich-Lira
Councilmember	Stephen Estatico
Councilmember	John Tameron

**Absent:**

Vice-Mayor	Olga Lopez
Councilmember	Gilbert Aguilar

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Valenzuela led Council Board, Staff and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Dennis Van Gorp, Family Life Christian Center gave the invocation.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Town Manager	Margaret Gaston
Town Attorney	Stephen Cooper
Fire Department	Todd Pryor
Public Works	Anthony Huerta
Admin. Assistant	Ruby Cervantes
Staff	Nora Miramon

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

Melissa Rabago  
Cathy Meluir  
Jim Schenck  
Bruce Armitage  
Nina Crowder  
Keri Richards  
Hank Gutierrez  
Pam Rabago

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Special Music by John f. Kennedy School Guitar Students, assisted by Melanie Garcia and Dr. John Christian. Manny Ramirez introduced Melanie Garcia. These 6<sup>th</sup> graders just started this program this year and they have come a long way. Dr. Christian has been teaching them to read the sheet music and they practice twice a week. Next year we hope to have all these students return plus new students that want to learn how to play guitar. Dr. Christian introduced the 3 songs the students will be playing; Ode to Joy, Prayingmatis and the last one is Little Blues.

Mayor Valenzuela-Henry Munoz, update on the Restoration of the 1947 Ford Seagrave Fire Truck Committee. Mr. Munoz was not able to make the meeting tonight he wanted everyone to know that Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> they will be hosting a golf tournament at the Queen Valley Golf Club. This is a fundraising event for the Restoration of the Fire Truck. If anyone is interested in signing up for the tournament please see Joe Tameron or Roy Chavez.

Fair Housing Proclamation was read by Ms. Gaston on behalf of the Mayor. April is Fair Housing Month.

Proclamation National Library Week was read by Ms. Gaston on behalf of the Mayor.

Proclamation Power Talk 21 Day was read by Ms. Gaston on behalf of the Mayor.

**REPORTS**

**Department Reports:** *Town Attorney, per the Attorney General, there should not be in depth discussion regarding the department's reports. They are just that reports some questions are alright but very limited. Questions should pertain to items in the report and only briefly.*

**Fire Department,** Todd Pryor, the Fire Department has posted additional fliers and advertisements to increase awareness of the smoke detector program, and we hope to reach more of the town this month. Orientation of the new hires is almost complete they should begin responding to calls this month. He spoke on some upcoming events and some of the accomplishments at the Fire Department.

**Public Works,** Anthony Huerta, Public Works has focused on safety, streets, parks and cleanup of both the Belmont and the Munoz Buildings. Mr. Luis Nieves from Southwest Risk came and inspected the Town owned buildings. The Town of Superior is currently at 0% for loss time injuries for all departments. Terrence Goodwin from Seattle Washington commented on how clean the Town of Superior was compared to a couple of surrounding towns and he is considering moving to this town and the fact that it is kept so clean was a big impact on him.

Police Department, Library, Senior Center, Sanitation and Magistrate, these department representatives were unable to be in attendance. Reports for these departments were given to Council for review.

**Manager,** Margaret Gaston, We had asked Richard Rosales from ADOT if they could donate some of the nets for the basketball hoops. The Phoenix Suns donated 6 nets to be put up here at the basketball court.

Hinton Burdick auditors are still working on completing the 2010-2011 audits.

Margaret did attend the CAG Management Meeting and she also attended the last TTAC meeting, transportation planning for the CAG REGION ON March 26<sup>th</sup> in Apache Junction. The next meeting of the TTAC committee will be May 14<sup>th</sup> in Globe.

Town Hall Staff has progressed on entering financial information needed in the software system, as we are also continuing to work with Colby and Powell to get ready for the 2011-2012 audits.

Next week Margaret will attend the Fair Housing Training; this is a requirement in order to receive CDBG funding.

Margaret will start work on a budget for the Town and they can plan for a workshop in the coming months. Staff is continuing to work on entering payroll into Incode, bank reconciliations and journal entries. Also, Planning and Zoning has been meeting and are still revising some portions of the Zoning Code, and will meet on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April.

Greyhound Bus is interested in starting the bus route from El Paso, TX to Phoenix, like it was years ago. Margaret will get the information and also send a letter of support and ask if we will have a possible stop here in Superior.

Margaret introduced Jimmy Edgett, Superior's Intern. Jimmy graduated from ASU with a Master's degree. He has worked for the City of Gilbert and is currently working in Scottsdale. He is the type of person we need to recruit for future for small towns that need a Manager. Jimmy commented that this has been a very pleasant experience.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Pursuant to Section 2-4-6 (D), matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. Prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda, the Mayor will ask whether any members of the Council request any item be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.**

Minutes of Regular Meeting on March 12, 2015

Motion to approve the minutes of regular meeting of March 12, 2015 made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Councilmember Estatico, motion carries.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Presentation by Hilda Cardenas to Request Approval to Place a Little Free Library in Besich Park.**

Hilda Cardenas is requesting permission to place a Little Free Library at Besich Park. The Little Free Library is a world-wide movement, aimed at making books available to all. It is a "take a book return a book," system, available to anyone in the community. The free library will look like a little house. This is to grant permission but also let the Council know what is going on at Besich Park. Josie Campos from the Superior Library has also offered her assistance. Margaret recommends the Council approve her request.

Motion to approve the Little Free Library in Besich Park made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Councilmember Tameron, motion carries

**B. Acceptance or Rejection of Bids for the Public Auction of 1985 GM Dump Truck; and Awarding of Dump Truck to Successful Bidder**

The Town Council at the March 12, 2015 Council meeting voted to approve the public auction of the 1985 GM dump truck. There has been one bid she opened the bid yesterday after 4:00 pm. and the minimum bid was to begin at \$6000.

Motion to accept the bid of \$6100 for the 1985 GM Dump Truck made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Councilmember Estatico, motion carries.

- C. Acceptance of Transfer Agreement from Seven Ranches Domestic Water Improvement Agreement for Transfer of Two 10,000 Gallon Water Storage Tanks.** The Seven Ranches Domestic Water Improvement District has the two 10,000 gallon water tanks they will give to The Town of Superior. Resolution 2015-03-001 is attached. The Resolution approves the transfer of the water tanks to the Town of Superior. Superior will pay all costs associated with the relocation of the tanks and once the Town picks up the tanks, we are solely responsible for the tanks. Steve Cooper has reviewed and approved this document. Also, associated with this agenda item is the next agenda item to move the tanks. Premier Building Group who is a sole source to provide all of the work associated with the moving of the tanks. The total cost for the job is \$12,134.51 which includes moving the tanks, set up of location, providing a level area to set the Tanks on, the propping for the installation of the units, and installing the piping and testing the units. The sale of effluent is an investment in the future of Superior and will provide the town with another revenue source.

Motion to approve the transfer agreement from Seven Ranch Domestic Water Improvement Agreement for Transfer of Two 10,000 Gallon Water Storage Tanks made by Councilmember Estatico, second by Councilmember Tameron, motion carries.

- D. Discussion and Approval of Bid from Premier Building Group to Relocate and Set Up and Two 10,000 Gallon Water Tanks in the Amount of \$12,134.51 Discussion of this item was done with item C.**

Motion to approve Bid from Premier Building Group to relocate and Set Up and Two-\$10,000 Gallon Water Tanks in the Amount of \$12,134.51 made by Councilmember Tameron, second by Councilmember Estatico, motion carries.

- E. Discussion and Possible Creation of Superior Airport Advisory Committee,** Margaret checked the Town Code and it states the Council can create boards, committees or commissions, standing or special, and the members can be appointed by the Council. Such committees are subject to the open meeting laws. In August every year the ADOT Aeronautical Board asks for towns to submit for a grant to create a plan for the municipal airport. An airport advisory committee that meets and makes recommendations, will also help with the grant, instead of just the town Manager submitting his/her own ideas. Margaret recommends the Council vote to create the Superior Airport Advisory Committee; and also appoint this was two agenda items. One to create the Superior Airport Advisory Board, and the second one to appoint a committee. Motion to approve the Creation of Superior Airport Advisory Committee and that it be made up of no more than five members made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Councilmember Alonzo, motion carries.

- F. Appointment of Bruce Armitage, Chairman; Debra Massey, Member; and Bill Vogler; Member, of Superior Airport Advisory Committee.** Discussion for this item was done along with item E. Burce Armitage as Chairman for three year term; Debra Massey as a member for a two year term; and Bill Vogel as a member for a one year term. Motion to approve appointment of Bruce Armitage as Chairman for three year term; Debra Massey for a two year term; Member and Bill Vogel for a one year term as Members of Superior Airport Advisory Committee made by Councilmember Tameron, second by Councilmember Besich-Lira, motion carries.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Any citizen desiring to speak on a matter that is not scheduled on this agenda may do so at this time. Comments may be limited to three minutes per person and shall be addressed to the Town Council as a whole, and not to any individual member. Issues raised shall be limited to those within the jurisdiction of the Town Council. Pursuant to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the Town Council cannot discuss or act on items presented at this time.

Keri Richards- Her concerns were that the Town Council move forward. She is very pleased to see that public works is keeping the US 60 Park clean. That is her concern is she wants the parks to look good especially the US 60 Park. She feels that she was lied to by this Town Council. She was told that they would take care of the bathrooms and she was lied to. Ms. Richards feels the bathrooms need to be kept open during the hours that the Caboose is open to the public. I am a member of the voting public and I do not trust you to keep your word.

At the conclusion of the call to the public, individual Town Council members may (1) respond to criticism made by those who have spoken; (2) ask staff to review a matter; or (3) ask that a matter be put on a future agenda.

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Councilmember Besich-Lira, Ms. Lira has a few items to share with everyone. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the ore cart on Saturday April 25, at the US Hwy 60 Park at 1:00 pm. That same day the Copper Corridor is hosting the Third Annual River Fest in Winkelman. The other thing that has come up is the United Way did a special needs survey for our community and surrounding communities. In conjunction with that the substance abuse statistics have come out and they are not very good. Substance Abuse Coalition is having a meeting on May 1, 2015. It will be a breakfast meeting open to the public but some invitations will be going out. It will be at 8:30 am at the Chamber office.

Councilmember Alonzo- Wanted to thank everyone for coming out and they are wrapping up the T-Ball League on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> with a parade and this will also start our regular season of Little League. He wants to thank Public Works for keeping the parks clean he knows it is done for everyone not just for a particular few. He has noticed people are taking pride and cleaning their properties.

Mayor Valenzuela- Wanted to echo what Mr. Alonzo said, thank you to all of the departments for their great work. Thank you to public works for the good job done with keeping the street and the parks clean. Visitors are taking notice of how clean the Town looks. There is still more work to do but we are getting there. Since we are a couple months away from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July we are going to start sending out donation letters to get support for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. We need to start early and so the residents can have a celebration for all of the children this year.

Town Manager-The Police Department did get some refrigerator magnets with all of the new Police Department phone numbers. We are thinking of sending them out with the May sewer bills. We do have more than enough.

**SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Planning and Zoning Meeting April 16, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Council Meeting May 14, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Celebration

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to move into Executive Session with the Town Attorney, Steven Cooper and the Town Manager, Margaret Gaston for one hour made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Councilmember Estatico, motion carries. Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:10 pm.

**A. Confidentiality Statement**

At the April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Council Meeting the following member of the Superior Town Council declared a conflict of interest concerning matters involving Resolution Copper, Mayor Valenzuela, Vice-Mayor Lopez, Council Member Tameron and Council Member Aguilar. Due to the four conflicts of interest the Superior Town Council would not be able to discuss matters involving Resolution Copper. However, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-508 if conflicts of interest prevent a Town from acting as required by law in its official capacity, such action shall not be prevented if the Council Members who have apparent conflicts make known their conflicts of interest in the official records of the Town.

Due to the fact the Mayor, Vice-Mayor and two Council Members have publically declared their Conflicts of interest at the prior Council Meeting and the Town Council would not be able to address matter involving Resolution Copper these Council Members are authorized to participate in matters involving Resolution Copper pursuant to A.R.S 38-508.

- B.** Discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts, contracts subject to negotiation and or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation. Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(3) & (4):

Resolution Copper status of negotiations concerning possible Mutual Benefits Agreement.

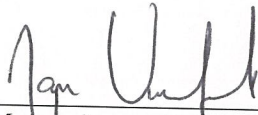
- C.** Discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding potential annexation of real property. Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38- 431.03(A)(3) & (4)
- D.** Consideration of Employment status of Town Manager including possible action of one (1) or more of the following: (1) Evaluation, (2) possible recruitment, (3) modification of employment contract and/or working duties including but limited to hours of work, (4) or no action taken on matter. Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(1),(3) & (4)

13. **REGULAR SESSION**

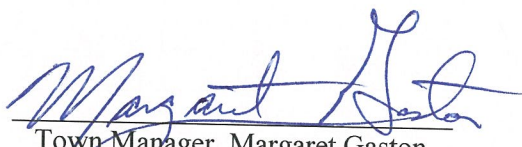
Motion to return back from Executive Session at 9:10 pm made by Councilmember Besich-Lira second Councilmember Tameron, motion carries.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

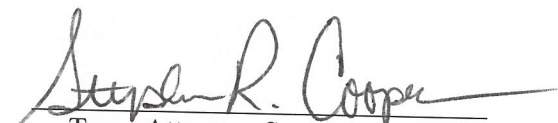
Motion to adjourn meeting made by Councilmember Alonzo, second by Councilmember Tameron, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

  
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Mayor, Jayme Valenzuela

Attest:

  
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Town Manager, Margaret Gaston

Approved as to Form:

  
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Town Attorney, Steven Cooper